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CHANTRY INCHBALD,

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Hongkong, April 10, 1893.

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for the Hongkong and Shanghai

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T. JACKSON,

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Hongkong, May 15, 1893.

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“GENEALY BUILDINGS,”

(Nos. 12 and 14, Wyndham Street.)

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Hongkong, July 4, 1893.

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JOHN THURBURN,

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Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 223

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STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Office of the Company will be held on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 10, 1893. 1202

NOTICE.

THE PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE
FOR LADIES and GENTLEMEN. Special
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Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1287

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RATES for BOARD and LODGING
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Hongkong, July 13, 1893. 1230

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THE Undersigned beg to notify to the

Public that their Firm HAL'S GHUN
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in the SUPREME COURT, Hongkong,

“THE TWO MESSENGERS ON HERALDS POA
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for “WAI SHANG MEDICATED
WINE,” and that any one found imitating

the above Trade Mark or their Firm Name
will be prosecuted.

CHIANG KAN
AND
WONG YUT TING,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, July 18, 1893. 1267

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

In accordance with the Provisions of No.

14M of the Articles of Association the

General Managers have this Day declared

an Interim DIVIDEND for the Half-Year
ending 30th June, 1893, of Eight Per Cent.

upon the Paid-up Capital.

THE CHINA MAIL.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Amoy, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Honolulu),

THURSDAY, July 27.

FIVE ROOMED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE, with enclosed Verandah, on the South-Eastern Slope of Mount Gough.

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TO LET.

AT THE PEAK.

FIVE ROOMED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE, with enclosed Verandah, on the South-Eastern Slope of Mount Gough.

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N. O. 2, SÉMOUR TERRACE, No. 4, Old Bailey Street, THIRD FLOOR in No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD, ROOMS in COLLEGE CHAMBERS, OFFICES in VICTORIA BUILDINGS.

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Hongkong, June 23, 1893.

985

TO LET.

N. O. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, next to the Post Office—suitable for OFFICES or CHAMBERS.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central, Hongkong, March 1, 1893.

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TO LET.

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979

TO LET,

FROM 1ST OCTOBER NEXT TO 31ST MARCH, 1894.

N. O. 2, HILLSIDE, PEAK, for \$45.00 and taxes.

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FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIODO.

The Co's Steamship "Tamtal."

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, July 26, 1893.

1302

TO LET.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIODO.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSEKE.)

The Co's Steamship "Tamtal."

Captain Jones, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, July 26, 1893.

1297

TO LET.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship "Strathmore."

Captain W. W. Waring, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, GARILL & CO., Agents, Hongkong, July 26, 1893.

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TO LET.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

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This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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TO LET.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

The Steamship "Irene," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notes to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. today.

An Act impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godown of the Heng Kong & Kowloon Wharves & Company Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd August will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 2nd August.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMENS & CO., Agents, Hongkong, July 26, 1893.

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TO LET.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

DAVID DODWELL, GARILL & CO., Agents, Hongkong, July 18, 1893.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Mogul. ... Tuesday August 8.

Victoria. ... Tuesday August 29.

Tacoma. ... Thursday Sept. 28.

Mogul. ... Thursday Oct. 19.

Victoria. ... Thursday Nov. 9.

Tacoma. ... Tuesday Dec. 12.

THE Steamship "MOGUL," Capt. Golding, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 8th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the Consular Agent to the General Agent Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with address marked in full, by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, GARILL & CO., Agents, Hongkong, July 18, 1893.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

To Let.

STEAMSHIP "YARNA."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNIES.

CONSIGNIES of Cargo from London

to China, via Steamship "Cobbold and Labourdon," from Havre via Steamship Cambodge and Labourdon, and from Bordeaux or Steamships Ville de Dunkerque and Pt. Leroy Letter.

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English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, CHRISTIAN & CO. LTD., GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNIES.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure. Steam Plant of the latest and most powerful type. Supervision.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 2nd August, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 2nd August, or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 1st August, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

DORABEE NOWROOZEE, Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, July 24, 1893.

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TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

A 7-ROOMED HOUSE at ROBINSON ROAD, with a large Garden.

Water and Gas laid on.

ONE GODOWN, NO. 117, PRAYA EAST, at Bowrington.

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Hongkong, July 3, 1893.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The following items are from the *L.A.C. Express* of June 23—

The strength of the French squadrons for next year in the Pacific there will be two cruisers and one small vessel in the Extreme East, one armoured cruiser, one first-class cruiser, a dispatch vessel, and two gunboats; and two or three small craft in Cochinchina and the Indian Ocean. For the total personnel embarked the estimates provide 41,536 souls, out of which will be at sea 34,087, 4,165 will be on shore, and 3,314 employed on board ships in reserve. The effective force is thus augmented by 1,406 men.

The *House*, after steaming round Ferrol Harbour with satisfactory results, sailed for Ferrol for England in company with the *Auron*, the *Sedan*, and the *Bellerophon*. The Queen has conferred an honour upon the Captain-General of the Department in recognition of his services to the country during his stay at Ferrol. She arrived in the English Channel on 21st, and reached Sheerness on 22nd. She proceeds to Chatham on 26th for repairs. The *Bellerophon*, joined company in the Channel and proceeded direct to Plymouth, where she arrived during the morning. The *House* and her consorts proceeded up Channel for Sheerness, where the injured vessel will be blockaded for repairs. The dockyard expenses of the provisional repairs to the *House* are—Materials supplied, £37,650 pessetas; wages, 10,139 pessetas; use of machinery, £20,139 pessetas. It is anticipated that the dock dues will be £10,340 pessetas charged in the departmental expenses. It will appear in the ultimate accounts, as the naval engineer in charge has certified that the public service has suffered no interruption in consequence of the occupation of the dry dock by the *House*.

Wellesley was fought on June 18, 1816, and last Sunday was therefore its seventy-eighth anniversary. The coincidence should be remarked that the battle which put an end to the career of Napoleon at Waterloo was fought on the Sunday. In commemoration of the victory the Household Cavalry, the Foot Guards, and many line regiments which took part in the fight decorated their standards, and otherwise honoured the anniversary in the customary manner.

The inspection of the corps of Commissioners by Lord Roberts at Chelsea Hospital was witnessed by a large number of people. After addressing the men, Lord Roberts said he considered the condition of the corps, which now has nearly 2,000 men, up to date, to be entirely satisfactory. He hoped that employers of labour would appreciate the fact that a man who had served in the Army or the Navy would probably be a better subordinate in civil life than one who had not had the advantage of special training. Sir Edward Waller, to whom Lord Roberts gave credit for the flourishing state of the corps, said they could not extend their operations unless more officers could be appointed.

M. Turpin, the discoverer of nitro-gum, is reported to have invented a new gun which will prove one of the most formidable engines of destruction to be used in modern warfare. It is said that the gun is very light, that it can be served by four men and drawn by two horses, and may be used in the field, in fortresses, or on board ships. Four charges can be fired from it in a quarter of an hour, 25,000 projectiles being scattered over an area of 22,000 square metres, at a distance of about two miles. The gun is also stated to be capable of destroying armoured iron-clads or forts and fortifications of the strongest build.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR OFFICIALS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, July 26.

SIR.—What is the Hongkong Association thinking about, that they do not organize their forces for the fight that will be forced on us?

We have quite enough of the Odd Volume, Oxen-like pseudo-scientific self-seeking element, and we want something done for the real good of the community.

His Excellency the Governor, a worthy old gentleman, doth, has shot his bolt, and by nearly everybody is reckoned a dead failure; indeed, we have almost got the admission from our lips, and it seems quite clear that so far as he is concerned was nothing to hope for.

Then there is the Colonial Secretary, who might be a good man in the ranks of the Home Rulers but is quite thrown away here inasmuch as he knows nothing of the wants of the place, will not mix with the people and is altogether of the half-bore half-alligator type, knows better than every one else and is, in fact, an impossibility. We don't want him and would rather have him than his company.

He never will command our sympathies and is not a leader of men. The White Justice, the Puisne Judge, and Mr. W. Reed are all right; Mr. Goodwin can pass as present. After this, who have we got?

Well, we have him, I hear, a cutter of scuds in a small way, but he is not just a what anchor on a sea shore.

Then there is Mr. Mitchell Innes, what he is in the financial world is perhaps too well known. Mr. May will, he is said, go up a horse in a comic song, but he has to win his spurs yet. Will in time, no doubt, develop into a safe official.

Then Mr. Wodehouse, the favourite of the Colonial Office, can be backed against time when it becomes necessary to split hairs in a legal manner; a good, worthy English gentleman with a warnied dead fireman's delight!!!—Mr. Thompson, a canty chief frae' Aberdeen, but his don't breed duffers therabout; and his time is not yet, and he can well afford to hide a wee!

The rest might be shaken up in a bag and not much made by taking the first and last to hand. Exchange at 2/6; India Mints closed; Was between France and Siam; and a good square 'all-fired' mess in the pots all round. Is there no leader of men to play the first fiddle? Yours faithfully,

BONES.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. Bruce Shepherd, Official Receiver.)

Wednesday, July 26.

SHERIFF LANG.

A meeting of creditors of Robert Lang, tailor and clothier, Queen's Road Central, was held today in the office of the Official Receiver. There were present, besides the debtor, Messrs. V. H. Deacon, R. J. Holmer, M. J. D. Stephens, A. Bain, E. Page, F. W. Watts, J. P. Cotman, F. Smyth, F. A. Rodwell, H. E. R. Bunting, and W. P. Maclean.

The Official Receiver intimated that a statement presented by the debtor showed the liabilities at \$35,970. These were preferential claims amounting to \$12,000. The total assets amounted to \$38,000.

The debtor asked the unsecured creditors to give up their claim, on the understanding that he would pay them back, and in the event these years he hoped to be able to pay a dividend of 40 per cent.

Mr. Deacon.—To what do you attribute your losses?

Mr. Lang.—In 1889 I sustained heavy loss in the rain-storm.

The Official Receiver.—Would it not be better not to ask any question till the public examination is over?

Mr. Deacon.—You should ask him how he proposes to secure his 40 per cent.

The Official Receiver.—He says if he is allowed to work and realize the stock in his own way, in three years' time he will be able to pay 40 per cent.

Mr. Deacon.—I want to know now, and I think I am not unreasonable, what has led up to all this. Surely, there cannot be any objection to that.

Mr. Lang.—I suffered considerable loss in the rain-storm of 1889, and immediately on the top of that trade became very bad and my returns considerably less than they were before. I could not reduce my working expenses in order to meet the falling off of business. I have never lost a great deal by the fall in the market.

Mr. Deacon.—Was most of your business in Colonia, or in the coast ports?

Mr. Lang.—Mostly in the Colony. But I had to push business in the coast ports I had to keep a regular traveller.

Mr. Deacon.—Supposing your creditors have a scheme of composition, do you think you are likely to get a reasonable sum for that you could carry on any better?

Mr. Lang.—I have two stores at present, and I believe I could get one of them from my landlord, and I could carry on at a monthly expenditure of \$330, whereas, before, my monthly expenses amounted to \$350. I would suggest to the creditors to appoint one or more of themselves to supervise.

Mr. Hunter.—If the creditors are agreeable to this proposal, we are.

The Official Receiver.—Where are you going to get the capital for carrying on?

Mr. Lang.—I have a number of bills to collect, and I have no doubt the people in London will be quite willing to supply me with credit again.

Mr. Stephens.—I will certainly give up our store, but I am afraid in order to secure my claim I must ask you to pay me up.

Mr. Deacon.—What would be the rent of one store?

Mr. Lang.—\$80 and taxes.

Mr. Deacon.—There will be no actual capital; supposing all the creditors consented to let you run on, you would have no capital?

Mr. Lang.—I would have the accounts to collect.

Mr. Deacon.—How much do they amount to?

The Official Receiver.—\$3900.

Mr. Lang.—They are good debts. There are also some put down as bad or doubtful which might be recoverable.

Mr. Deacon.—That is a very considerable sum—\$5000 in all. You think the whole of the \$3000 could be got?

Mr. Lang.—Yes.

Mr. Deacon.—Would the creditors be willing to forego that and allow it to be used?

Mr. Lang.—That is the only way I could carry on.

In answer to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lang said if the creditors wished it they could appoint someone to supervise the working of the business.

Mr. Cottam.—Would not some of the claimants be willing to accept payment of a portion of their debts, and leave a larger sum for division amongst the others? I think when people are working for the benefit of landlords, that Mr. Stephens might be willing to accept half of his claim.

Mr. Stephens.—I do not think I should be asked to give up a preferential claim, because I have given Mr. Lang considerable assistance for some time. I should like to give him my right.

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